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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THURSDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. GUINEA. I MET WITH THE GUINEAN PRIME MINISTER AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET TODAY. AT THE END OF A LONG SESSION, HE SAID THAT HE WAS AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT TOURE TO TELL US THAT THE SOVIET INTELLIGENCE FLIGHTS OUT OF GUINEA WOULD BE STOPPED, AS OF TODAY. ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY TIED TO THE TERMINATION OF THE FLIGHTS, HE TABLED A REQUEST FOR COAST GUARD CUTTERS TO PATROL GUINEA'S SHORES. I TOLD HIM THAT WE DOUBTED THAT GUINEA'S SECURITY WAS THREATENED, BUT WOULD EARNESTLY CONSIDER THE REQUEST.

ALTHOUGH OUR INFORMATION IS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS
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ARE VERY BAD IN GUINEA, THE PRIME MINISTER STRONGLY ENDORSED OUR HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES. HE SAID THAT GUINEA IS PREPARED TO ALLOW AN INTERNATIONAL GROUP TO CONDUCT AN EXAMINATION OF ITS HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION.

BECAUSE GUINEA REPORTEDLY HOLDS LARGE NUMBERS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, I INDICATED IT WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT

STEP IF GUINEA WOULD IDENTIFY ITS POLITICAL PRISONERS, INDICATE THE REASONS FOR THEIR INCARCERATION, AND THE LENGTH OF THEIR SENTENCES.

I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT IF GUINEA FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THE STATEMENTS MADE TODAY, IT WOULD LEAD TO A GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS. HE SEEMS DESIROUS OF DOING SO, TO OPEN THE WAY TO MORE AID AND INVESTMENT AND TO OFFSET CLOSE TIES WITH THE SOVIETS. THE PRIME MINISTER DELIVERED A LETTER TO YOU FROM PRESIDENT TOURE, WHICH WE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY WITH A ROUGH TRANSLATION.

2. BELGRADE. THE WIRE SERVICES ARE REPORTING A TOUGH STATEMENT BY SOVIET DELEGATION CHIEF VORONTSOV TO THE EFFECT THAT IF THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT GET ITS WAY IN THE CURRENT DEBATE OVER THE AGENDA FOR THE MAIN MEETING THERE COULD BE "GREAT UNPLEASANTNESS (AND) THE FAILURE OF OUR MISSION." THIS IS CHARACTERIZED BY THE PRESS AS A SOVIET THREAT TO WALK OUT IF THEY CANNOT ACHIEVE A SATISFACTORY AGENDA.

OUR DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THE SOVIET STATEMENT IS A TACTICAL PLOY TO PRESSURE THE WEST TO BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO THE EASTERN POSITION ON THE AGENDA, RATHER THAN A THREAT TO WALK OUT. DESPITE DRAMATIC PRESS REPORTS, THERE IS NO ATMOSPHERE OF CONFRONTATION OR CRISIS IN BELGRADE.
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GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE PREPARATORY MEETING IN BELGRADE IS PROCEEDING ALONG ANTICIPATED LINES, AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD OF PULLING-AND-HAULING.

3. OAS. BEFORE THE OAS MEETING IN GRENADA ENDED LATE YESTERDAY, THE U.S. DELEGATION, ASSISTED BY VENEZUELA AND COSTA RICA, PUSHED THROUGH A STRONG RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY EVERY COUNTRY VISITED BY MRS. CARTER EXCEPT BRAZIL. THE RESOLUTION AFFIRMS THE RULE OF LAW AND ASSERTS THAT NO CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFY TORTURE OR PROLONGED DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL. IT COMMENDS THE OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (COMPOSED OF SEVEN EXPERTS ELECTED AS INDIVIDUALS RATHER THAN AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR COUNTRIES), AND ASKS MEMBER STATES TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION AND NOT TO RETALIATE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO COOPERATE WITH IT.

THE RESOLUTION ALSO ASKS THE COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE A PROGRAM OF CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONS TO FULFILL ITS FUNCTION OF PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HEMISPHERE. THIS LAST POINT IS A STEP SHORT OF THE PROGRAM OF COMMISSION VISITS TO MEMBER

COUNTRIES FOR WHICH WE HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED, BUT IT IS A STEP FORWARD.

IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLIES, ECONOMIC ISSUES WERE NOT GIVEN PRIORITY ATTENTION. THE LATIN AMERICANS APPEARED TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES THAN IN CONFRONTATION. WE HAD TO ABSTAIN ON SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS (E.G., OPEC EXCLUSION, PANAMA CANAL TOLLS) BUT WE WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT A GENERAL RESOLUTION ON TRADE COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION.

4. PORTUGAL. OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. MEETING YESTERDAY IN PARIS, ELEVEN COUNTRIES -- GERMANY, SECRET

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FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA -- MADE FORMAL COMMITMENTS TO PROVIDE \$750 MILLION IN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS LOANS OVER THE NEXT EIGHTEEN MONTHS. AUSTRIA, IRELAND AND CANADA HAVE PARTICIPATION UNDER ACTIVE AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION. FOR ITS PART, PORTUGAL ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO TAKE FURTHER ECONOMIC STABILIZATION STEPS IN COOPERATION WITH THE IMF AND TO NEGOTIATE A SECOND CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

ALTHOUGH SOME FOLLOW-UP WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WILL BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS, OUR MAJOR EFFORT NOW WILL BE TO SECURE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE \$300 MILLION LOAN THE U.S. HAS PLEDGED AS OUR CONTRIBUTION. THE HOUSE AND SENATE HAVE APPROVED LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE LOAN. THE HOUSE IS EXPECTED TO APPROPRIATE THE \$300 MILLION LATER TONIGHT OR TOMORROW, BUT THE SENATE IS NOT EXPECTED TO ACT UNTIL LATE JULY.

5. YUGOSLAV M-47 TANKS TO ETHIOPIA. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR AMBASSADOR TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE TANKS WITH THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT.

6. CANADIAN GAS PRICES. THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE PRICE OF NATURAL GAS EXPORTED TO THE U.S. WILL INCREASE FROM \$1.94 TO \$2.16 PER THOUSAND CUBIC FEET. THE CANADIANS HAD PROPOSED A PRICE OF \$2.25 BUT AGREED TO REDUCE IT AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH US. THE NINE CENT PRICE REDUCTION WILL SAVE CONSUMERS APPROXIMATELY \$90 MILLION. THE NEW PRICE WILL REMAIN IN

EFFECT FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS, BUT WILL THEN BE SUBJECT SECRET

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TO REVIEW. FURTHER PRICE INCREASES CAN BE EXPECTED AS CANADA CONTINUES ITS POLICY OF PRICING NATURAL GAS AT THE EQUIVALENT OF WORLD OIL PRICES.

7. CUBA. WE LEARNED LATE MONDAY THAT AN ANTI-CASTRO TERRORIST GROUP WAS PLANNING A RAID ON CUBA. WE PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT THE SAME DAY. CY INQUIRED WHETHER THE FBI COULD CAUTION THE EXILE TERRORISTS AGAINST MAKING THE RAID, BUT WE WERE INFORMED THAT THIS CANNOT BE DONE WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING THE LIVES OF INFORMANTS. HOWEVER, OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PLAN TO MAKE ARRESTS IF EVIDENCE IS DEVELOPED, AND TO INTERDICT THE RAID IF IT PROCEEDS.

ON TUESDAY, AT THE REQUEST OF U.S. CUSTOMS, WE ALERTED CUBA THAT FOUR UNMARKED U.S. CUSTOMS SHIPS ARE OBSERVING THE TERRORIST GROUP. YESTERDAY, WE RECEIVED A CUBAN REPLY THANKING US FOR THE INFORMATION WE PASSED AND ADVISING THAT ITS NAVAL UNITS ARE AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF OUR SHIPS.

8. FOREIGN AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS. THE HOUSE IS WRAPPING UP TWO DAYS OF FAIRLY INTENSE DEBATE ON THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL TONIGHT. AMONG THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, CONGRESSMAN MILLER PREVAILED LATE TODAY WITH AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD FIVE PERCENT CUT (212-178). FUNDS CAN COME FROM ONE PROGRAM OR ALL. EARLIER IN THE DAY, WE STAVED OFF AN EFFORT TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CUT IN FUNDS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE WORLD BANK. THE LEADERSHIP WORKED HARD AGAINST BOTH THESE AMENDMENTS. ALL OTHER FUND-CUT AMENDMENTS WERE DEFEATED.

TODAY MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, AND CUBA WERE ADDED TO THE LIST OF COUNTRIES TO WHICH "INDIRECT" ASSISTANCE IS PROHIBITED BY THE YOUNG AMENDMENT, PASSED YESTERDAY. ON THE OTHER HAND, AFTER ELIMINATING ALL REMAINING

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MILITARY AID TO ARGENTINA YESTERDAY, THE HOUSE TODAY RESTORED APPROXIMATELY \$3 MILLION FOR AID TO NICARAGUA (225-187). FINALLY, HARKIN'S AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE FMS PROGRAM FOR KOREA WAS DEFEATED THIS EVENING ON A VOICE VOTE. MAJORITY LEADER WRIGHT, REPUBLICAN ED DERWINSKI, HIRC CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI AND SAM STRATTON LED THE DEBATE AGAINST THE AMENDMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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